

July 25, 2011

The Common Council met as the Water Utility Board at 7:00 pm on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Askren, Hoehn, Curtis, and Higgins attending. Board member Fuelling was not present. Others attending were Supt. Gray; Chief Beloit; Chief Dixon. Comm. Maynard; Don Morrison – Main Stream; Shasta Carr; Gary and Sue Shelton; Ron and Vonnice Sallee; Geneva James; Cecil Waters; Mary Alice Rose; Ed Adams; Pam Robinson – Posey County News; and Sara Manifold.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Curtis moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented.

Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Higgins moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Askren.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

*****CLAIMS*****

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the report of the Water Chairman.

Chairman Curtis stated he has no report.

Supt. Gray stated things are running as smoothly as possible and next week they will begin survey work on the riverfront, in reference to the possible new intakes for Phase 3.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Board ?

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman replied not at this time.

Mayor Tucker stated under Legals they have the opening of bids received for the Water Department's Geotextile Dewatering Bag System Facility.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman opened the bids in the order in which they were received, as follows:

1. City Infrastructure Systems, Inc., accompanied by Bid Bond
\$220,243.00
2. Superior Concrete Constructors, Inc., accompanied by Bid Bond
\$115,000.00

3. Empire Contractors, Inc., accompanied by Bid Bond
\$129,460.00

4. Deig Brothers Lumber & Const., Inc., accompanied by Bid Bond
\$134,350.00

Supt. Gray stated he was sure that he could take some off of the bid prices they received last time. He added the specifications are good, they took lots of steel out, which could account for the drop in price. Board member Curtis stated Attorney Higgins needs to review the bids, and after that, they need to move pretty quickly.

Supt. Gray agreed and added Mr. Morrison's specifications are very detailed which mean there will be very little room for any Change Orders. He added concrete testing will also be done as the work progresses.

Board member Hoehn questioned the timing on the project ?

Supt. Gray replied they should have already started a while back.

Mr. Morrison added the bidders should have submitted a time schedule along with their bids, and of course, whoever can get the job done quickest is best. He then stated the work should begin the first of September and be finished at the end of September, easy dates.

Board member Curtis moved the Board acknowledge receipt of the bids, and they now be reviewed by Supt. Gray and Mr. Morrison on the specification side and also by Attorney Higgins for Legal review. Seconded by Board member Askren.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasure with Board voting as follows:

Askren – yes; Fuelling – absent; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Board member Askren moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Sitzman
Clerk-Treasurer

The Common Council met immediately following the Water Utility Board on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Askren, Hoehn, Curtis, and Higgins attending. Councilman Fuelling was not present. Others attending were Supt. Gray; Chief Beloit; Chief Dixon. Comm. Maynard; Don Morrison – Main Stream; Shasta Carr; Gary and Sue Shelton; Ron and Vonnie Sallee; Geneva James; Cecil Waters; Mary Alice Rose; Ed Adams; Pam Robinson – Posey County News; and Sara Manifold.

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Councilwoman Higgins moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Councilman Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Standing Committees.

Street & Light Chairman Fuelling was not present.

Comm. Maynard stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Police & Dog Chairwoman Askren stated she has no report.

Chief Beloit stated they had the Neighborhood Watch Meeting or District 1 last Thursday, and it went very well. He added they will be scheduling the meeting for District 2 very soon and he will notify everyone when that date has been set.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Fire Chairman Hoehn stated he has no report.

Chief Dixon stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Sewer Chairwoman Higgins stated she has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Council ?
Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman replied not at this time.

Mayor Tucker stated they are now ready for the Legal portion of the Agenda. He stated the only item is the 3rd reading of the Ordinance Enacting and Adopting a Supplement to the Code of Ordinances for the City of Mt. Vernon, Indiana, and Declaring and Emergency.

Councilwoman Higgins moved the ordinance pass on final reading. Seconded by Councilwoman Askren. Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Askren – yes; Fuelling – absent; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman added it will be numbered 11-05.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Council ?

Shasta Carr approached and stated she would like to request a STOP sign (4-way) at 3rd and Main Streets. She continued by stating she was involved in an accident at that intersection Thursday and visibility there is not good. She stated part of the problem is the angle parking – drivers have to come out pretty far into the intersection to see if cars are coming, it is very hard to see. She then stated the other car involved actually flipped and could have landed in the bank. She added it is a very congested area and there have been many close calls there.

Councilwoman Higgins stated she told Ms. Carr that the Council had looked into this issue a year or so ago, and there is parking right up the corner at the intersection. She added she agrees that something needs to be done, it is a very bad intersection,.

Councilwoman Askren questioned Chief Beloit on accidents there.

Chief Beloit replied there are two to three accidents every year at that intersection.

Councilwoman Askren questioned the possibility of a red flashing light instead of a STOP sign, as the signs are hard to see.

Chief Beloit agreed it is challenging to see a sign in that area.

Councilman Hoehn asked if three to four accidents at an intersection is considered high ?

Chief Beloit replied when it is consistent, and this is consistent.

Mayor Tucker cited the following accidents there: 2006 – 2; 2007 – 2; 2008 – 3; 2009 – 2; 2010 – 1. He then stated this of course does not take into consideration all of the close calls there.

Chief Beloit stated he has looked at that intersection even further back than 2006 and it is consistent back at least ten years.

Councilman Curtis asked what a STOP sign would do to the traffic flow ? He stated there are already back ups at that intersection in the late afternoon.

Ms. Carr stated if there had been a 4-way STOP there or less parking at the intersection, her accident would not have happened, she would have been able to see. She added she has a small car, and small cars sit on the ground, which makes it very hard to see. She stated there is also constant foot traffic in that area especially during working hours.

Councilwoman Higgins questioned Comm. Maynard on his opinion ?

Comm. Maynard replied the angle parking makes it tough to see, but accidents did happen there before the angle parking was put in. There is definitely a problem there.

Councilwoman Askren added the speed limit down there is 20 mph, but cars coming off that green light are going faster than that.

Councilman Hoehn stated there are lots of options here, lots to look at. He questioned the possibility of forming a committee to look into some of the options.

Mayor Tucker replied that can be done and stated they could have two council members, Comm.

Maynard, and Chief Beloit. He then added the idea of a red flashing light would probably be cost prohibitive.

Councilwoman Higgins stated she remembers when there used to be a “overhang” STOP sign, which would be easy to see.

Comm. Maynard stated he can price the lights, but Council needs to also keep in mind that along with the STOP sign, there would be markings as well.

Councilman Hoehn stated there is a long learning curve involved there regardless.

Councilwoman Askren stated they will discuss this and have Comm. Maynard and Chief Beloit look at the options.

Ms. Carr thanked the Council for their time.

Councilwoman Higgins stated she will keep Ms. Carr informed and added she will also be on the committee looking into this.

Comm. Maynard asked if Councilman Fuelling, who is over the streets, or Councilwoman Askren, over the police, should also be on the committee ?

Councilwoman Askren stated she will do it.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone else in the Audience wished to address the Council ?

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Districts.

1st District Councilwoman Askren stated she has no report.

2nd District Councilman Fuelling was not present.

3rd District Councilman Hoehn stated he has no report.

4th District Councilman Curtis stated he has no report.

Councilwoman-at-Large Higgins stated the discussion of the STOP sign at Barbee and E. 5th Street she will table until Councilman Fuelling can be present.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Councilwoman Askren moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Councilman Curtis.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

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